

United States Mint Launches Zachary Taylor Presidential \$1 Coin on 225th Anniversary of his Birth

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ORANGE, Va. — Admirers of President Zachary Taylor gathered in Taylor Park today, the 225th anniversary of his birth, to celebrate the United States Mint's release of the Presidential \$1 Coin struck in his honor. The launch ceremony was part of the Zachary Taylor Appreciation Day sponsored by the James Madison Museum.

"Millions of Zachary Taylor Presidential \$1 Coins will make their way into the hands of Americans who will see them and remember the life of former President Taylor and his contributions to our country," said United States Mint Deputy Director Andy Brunhart. "We are proud to present this coin to the Nation."

Participants in the event included Virginia Secretary of Education Thomas Morris, State Senator R. Edward "Edd" Houck, State Representative Edward Scott and Orange Mayor Henry Lee Carter. Highlights of the event included a ceremonial coin pour of hundreds of new Zachary Taylor Presidential \$1 Coins by Deputy Director Brunhart and Helen Marie Taylor, a descendant of President Taylor. The 392nd Army Band performed music written for Taylor when he was a general during the late 1840s.

The United States Mint released the Zachary Taylor Presidential \$1 Coin to the Federal Reserve Bank on November 19, 2009. The agency also began accepting orders for 25-coin rolls of the new Presidential \$1 Coin, priced at \$35.95, at its online catalog, <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>, and toll-free number, 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468), on November 19.

The coin's obverse (heads side) features a bold portrait of the former President designed and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart. The coin's reverse (tails side), also by Everhart, features a striking image of the Statue of Liberty. Incused on the coin's edge are the inscriptions 2009, E PLURIBUS UNUM and the mint mark of origin (P or D for Philadelphia or Denver).

Zachary Taylor was born in Orange County, Virginia, in 1784. While he was still an infant, his family relocated to Kentucky where he spent his childhood. Taylor enlisted in the United States Army in 1808, later earning the nickname "Old Rough and Ready." Taylor's distinguished military career made him an attractive candidate for President, and he was elected in 1848. He became ill on July 4, 1850, after attending a long ceremony at the Washington Monument. Taylor died a few days later at the age of 65, having served only 16 months in office.

The United States Mint, created by Congress in 1792, is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage. Its primary mission is to produce an adequate volume of circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- To view and download high-resolution images of the circulating Zachary Taylor Presidential \$1 Coin, go to <http://www.usmint.gov/pressroom/index.cfm?action=photo#Pres>.
- Information on the Presidential \$1 Coin Program is available at http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/coin/index.cfm. Lesson plans are available for download at <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/>.
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